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Prize session & General Assembly
Thu, 16th november 2023
15:00 / (Central European Time)

Via Zoom
Meeting ID: 886 9793 1128 :: Passcode: 0rKS5n
secretary-general@icohtec.org

Maurice Daumas Prize
Rebecca Jackson
Jan Hua-Henning

Turriano Prize
Diana Montaña
Helen Ahner
Hendrik Johannes Theodoor Dekker

General Assembly





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1 Icohtec News

1.1 Icohtec General Assembly and Prize Session, Online, November 16th

Join the Zoom Meeting

Thursday, November 16th, at 15:00 (CET)

<https://uso6web.zoom.us/j/88697931128?pwd=MaoEwppy7YTQpVbw1ckP1Ahi3HWpVs.1>

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Welcome to the online prize ceremony on Thursday, November 16th at 15:00 (CET). The Chairs of the Selection Committees for both prizes will announce the results and read out the laudations for the winners.

After the ceremony, the meeting continues with the Icohtec General Assembly and Elections.

15:00 Turriano ICOHTEC Prize

15:30 Maurice Daumas Prize

16:30 General Assembly

Agenda of the GA

1. Appointing a recording secretary
2. Accepting agenda of the GA
3. GA minutes of 2022 – GEA 2023
4. Remarks of the president
5. Questions concerning the reports of the officers and committees of ICOHTEC
6. Elections
7. Report Statutes modernization Committee

8. Preparing our next symposia: Chile 2024 and New Zealand (DHST): 27th
9. International Congress of of History of Science and Technology, Dunedin, New Zealand, 29 June – 5 July 2025.
10. Report 1st DHST in-between Global Festival, September 29 2023, online
11. ICON
12. Different topics

1.2 Solidarity with inhabitants of the Middle East

We are shocked about the brutal attacks on Israel and the war in Gaza which was triggered by this aggression. Although there have been armed conflicts concerning the rights of living in the region of Palestine and Israel for decades, these attacks are on a new level of barbarism and inhumanity; they completely ignore the Hague Warfare Convention and the Geneva Convention.

The Hague Convention was developed when it became clear at about 1900 that technology is not only a tool for prosperity, but also to increase capacity of destruction: technology enables combatants to kill more persons than before. And technology is the key to let civilians suffer much more from armed conflicts than in the past. Due to the horrible experiences of World War II, especially the Geneva Convention aims protecting life and property of civilians: if wars take place, they only should affect governmental infrastructures and the military. War time prisoners are under protection of the convention as well as wounded and sick persons.

In general, we condemn war and violence against people as expressed already in our announcement concerning the war against Ukraine. Especially we condemn the tactics to use civilians as human shields for the protection of warriors. Thus, we denounce the Hamas atrocities and call all sides to prevent further human losses.

All involved parties need to respect each other and accept living together peacefully.

The Executive Board of ICOHTEC

1.3 Icohtec Membership

As a friendly reminder, please pay your annual fees to our account at: Commerzbank Bochum, “ICOHTEC“ at Commerzbank Bochum (Husemannplatz 3-4, D-44787 Bochum, Germany): IBAN: DE44 4304 0036 0390 2590 00; BIC: COBADEFFXXX. Thank you for your support!

Please send in the form on the last page of the Newsletter about your payment and renewed membership to the Treasurer Viktor Pál, [viktor.paal\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:viktor.paal(at)gmail.com) and Stefan Poser, President of ICOHTEC, [stefan.poser\(at\)kit.edu](mailto:stefan.poser(at)kit.edu), in order to update our list of members.

2 Conferences and Seminars

2.1 CFP: ICOHTEC-SHOT 2024 in Viña del Mar (Chile) / Congreso conjunto de SHOT y ICOHTEC: *Reparando / Repair in the History of Technology*



Joint annual meeting of the International Committee for the History of Technology (ICOHTEC) and the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT) on 9-14 July 2024 in Viña del Mar, Chile

The submission deadline for open panels is **8 December 2023**.

The final deadline for all paper and panel submissions is **18 December 2023**.

More information: <https://www.historyoftechnology.org/>

The CFP in Spanish: <https://www.icohtec.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/2024-icohtec-shot-convocatoria.pdf>

The technological environments we inhabit require continual repair and maintenance in order to function. Yet the people on whom such repairs rely—along with their knowledge and labor—too often remain unseen and undervalued, becoming visible only in cases of infrastructural breakdown or spectacular disaster. The routine invisibility of repair facilitates grand proclamations of technological solutionism, distracting from the requirements for living equitably in an increasingly fragmented and fragile world.

How does our understanding of the history of technology change when we center repair and maintenance? Such a shift involves highlighting users and experiential knowledge. It opens up conceptions of what counts as technological knowledge and who counts as technological actors. Such themes have lurked in our field for some time, mounting in scale and significance over the last decade. Repair is now part of our vocabulary, here to stay. The time has come to make it the thematic core of our annual meeting. The first joint conference between ICOHTEC and SHOT in three decades, to be held bilingually in Viña del Mar, Chile, provides the ideal place for doing so.

Reparando—the gerund of repair in Spanish—holds a special place in the history of Chile, a nation at the intersection of several tectonic plates. Chileans accept seismic activity as part of everyday life, remaining unfazed by mild earthquakes. Of course, the stronger earthquakes are deeply disruptive, destroying cities and communities. In 1960, the deadliest earthquake registered in human history (magnitude 9.5) struck the southern region of Valdivia. Accompanied by a tsunami, the Great Chilean Earthquake destroyed livelihoods and property, and took thousands of lives. This destruction required not just concrete infrastructural repair, but also social and emotional repair for traumatized victims. The Chilean

experience highlights the need to approach repair as a practice of human and technological resilience, in which cooperation and compassion are as essential as material rebuilding and fixing.

This is the context in which we invite a critical appraisal of the concept, strategies, and philosophies of repair. How does repair/*reparando* sustain our built environment and our daily lives? How can we think through brokenness, restoration, and care? What and who counts as “normal,” and how does that affect our infrastructures? How do people excluded from infrastructural benefits use rebuilding, repurposing, adjusting, and *reparando* as navigational strategies? How do discussions about repair and repurposing reflect social, political, and cultural dynamics? What does *reparando* look like at different scales, from the individual to the planetary? And how can focusing on these themes open a discussion of what requires repair in our own field of the history of technology – and what methodologies and approaches are needed to enact that repair?

Topics and themes of special interest to the program committee include (but are not limited to):

- The ethics, aesthetics, and politics of repair
- Adjusting, tinkering, hacking - tactics for times of scarcity
- Invisible labor in science and technology
- Geographies of repair and care, from the local to the planetary
- The role of technology in environmental and climate (in)justice
- Ableism, disability, and crip epistemologies in technology studies
- Indigenous lands, indigenous knowledge
- Queering the history of technology
- Technologies of care and healing
- Local cultures of repair, repurposing, and recycling
- Intersections of repair, design, and engineering
- Normies and Others in technological history
- The technological dimensions and aftermaths of disasters, emergencies, and crises
- Reckoning with colonial pasts and imagining decolonial futures
- Repairing the history of technology: methodological and epistemic strategies for the future

- of the discipline
- The role of conservation, preservation, and archives in understanding the past and repairing
- the field

While we especially hope to prompt conversations around such matters, we also welcome proposals on other topics in the history of technology. We warmly welcome proposals from the wide range of fields that study such questions, including STS, Anthropology, American Studies, Black Studies, Communication, Discard Studies, Gender Studies, Cultural Studies, Indigenous Studies, LatinX Studies, Literary Criticism, Media Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, and Sociology. We especially encourage scholarship in African, Asian, and Latin American Studies.

Of special note: the program committee **will accept proposals in English and Spanish**, as well as for sessions that include both languages. Simultaneous translation will be available for plenaries and at least two session threads each day. As we get closer to the conference time, we will provide more details.

ICOHTEC and SHOT are committed to the ongoing diversification of our field. In addition to valuing intellectual quality, we encourage and will prioritize proposals that reflect diversity in their line-up of speakers, in particular with regard to career level, gender, race, and/or geography.

The submission deadline for open panels is 8 December 2023.

The final deadline for all paper and panel submissions is 18 December 2023. Please consult the conference website (<https://www.historyoftechnology.org/>) for detailed submission guidelines.

ICOHTEC, SHOT, and their joint program committee look forward to a vigorous, enthusiastic, and intellectually stimulating annual meeting in Viña del Mar!

Program Committee

Diana J. Montaña (Chair), Magdalena Zdrodowska (Associate Chair), Itty Abraham, Leticia Galluzzi, José Ragas, Verónica Ramírez Errázuriz.

2.2 CFP: Icohtec 52th Annual Meeting in 2025, New Zealand

Deadline for submissions of Icohtec symposia proposals is **1 February 2024**.

Time and place: **29 June - 5 July 2025**, Dunedin, New Zealand.



University of Otago in Dunedin. Photo credits: Nathan Hughes Hamilton, CC By 2.0, Wikimedia

The 52nd Annual Meeting of the [International Committee for the History of Technology](#) (ICOHTEC) will be part of the 27th [International Congress of the History of Science and Technology](#) (ICHST), to be held at the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand, 29 June – 5 July 2025.

The theme of the Congress, **“Peoples, Places, Exchanges, and Circulation”** encourages exploring local knowledges, practices, and histories of science, technology, and medicine in both site-specific and global contexts. It asks how local and global contexts might be related? Do local histories change if they are analyzed using a different scale of analysis, for example, through a regional or global framework? What is the role of circulation across borders in local and global histories? Have encounters (both welcome and problematic) and exchanges of knowledge, techniques, texts, peoples, and material objects between regions, cultures, or societies resulted in new configurations in the history of science, technology, and medicine? What roles have local actors played as mediators, between different knowledge systems or between producers and consumers around the world? Contributions that explore the unacknowledged agency and contributions of Indigenous peoples and underrepresented groups in the history of science, technology, and medicine are especially welcome.

ICOHTEC 52nd Annual Meeting: Call for Papers

The ICOHTEC Programme Committee invites proposals for symposium presentations exploring the ICHST theme “Peoples, Places, Exchanges, and Circulation” from diverse historical and historiographical perspectives on technology in all historical periods and geographical areas. Scholars working at the intersection of history of technology and other fields, including anthropology, design studies, film and media studies, gender studies, social sciences, philosophy, political science, ethnic and indigenous studies, are welcome to share their perspectives and analyses. We encourage presentations exploring multidisciplinary approaches, paradigms, research methods, and theories related to technology.

The Programme Committee invites proposals on topics in keeping with the ICHST theme, such as:

- **People:** visible and invisible in science and technology
 - technology from the perspective of the colonized
 - technology, history, and emotions
 - science and technology empowering/disempowering
 - repairers and maintainers
- **Places:** space, society, and technology

- (portals of) globalization
- re-location and de-location of industry
- diseases and medicine in the history of cities
- technological sites and the management of disasters
- **Exchange:** transfer of knowledge
 - "vehicles" in science and technology (trains, cars and lorries as well as books, journals, and photography)
 - technological nationalism vs. transnational science
 - teaching the history of technology
- **Circulation:** material and immaterial histories of technology
 - object biographies to product lifecycles
 - digitizing Science and Technology collections and archives
 - Large Language Models (LLMs) and their impact on concepts and problematizations
 - natural resources from upstream to downstream and from use to waste or recycling

The program committee strongly encourages proposals for **pre-constituted sessions** in both **traditional formats** (3 to 4 presenters and a chairperson) as well as **non-traditional formats**, including work-in-progress sessions, roundtables, panel discussions, PechaKucha-type presentations, flash-talks, unconference sessions, poster sessions, and interactive workshops.

Individuals and groups seeking potential collaborators to join an organized session are encouraged to propose session topic(s) and communicate with interested individuals through the ICOHTEC Newsletter (send the call to: newsletter@icohtec.org] H-NET, or social media networks, such as ICOHTEC facebook group.

In keeping with ICHST's aim to bring together as many scholars as possible, participants will be limited to one presentation. For more details, see [ICHST's Guidelines on Symposia](#).

Submission guidelines for ICOHTEC Symposium proposals

Please pay close attention to submission instructions, including the word limits for required documents. All components of submitted proposals must be written in English. Submit complete proposals via the [ICOHTEC online submission system](#) at <https://www.icohtec.org/w-annual-meeting/dunedin-2025/>

Proposals for traditional sessions of 3 or 4 papers with a session chair must include:

- Session title.
- Name(s) of organizer(s) and their title, affiliation, and e-mail address(es).

- Session description (200-400 words).
- Individual paper abstracts (200-400 words).
- Name, title, affiliation, e-mail address, and bio (250 words max.) of each presenter and chair.

Proposals for unconventional sessions must include:

- Session title.
- Name(s) of organizer(s) and their title, affiliation, and e-mail address(es).
- Session description (200-400 words)
- Name, title, affiliation, e-mail address, and bio (250 words max.) of each presenter/panelist.
- Name, title, affiliation, e-mail address, and bio (250 words max.) of chair or discussant (if any).
- Any relevant information regarding session format or requirements.

Proposals for individual papers must include:

- Paper title.
- Paper abstract (200-400 words).
- Name, title, affiliation, e-mail address, and bio (250 words max.) of presenter.

Travel grants

ICOHTEC encourages and welcomes proposal submissions from graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and early career researchers and their participation in the symposium. Limited travel grants will be available. Applications received by **15 January 2024** will be given priority consideration.

Key Dates:

Deadline for submissions of proposals to the ICOHTEC Symposia: **1 February 2024.**

Decision on accepted symposia announced: **1 June 2024**

Registration opens: **11 July 2024**

Programme published online: **1 May 2025**

ICHST Congress opens: **29 June 2025**

Programme Committee

Saara Matala (Sweden), Elena Kochetkova (Norway), Frank Edward (Tanzania)
Hugo Pereira (Portugal), Jethron Akallah (Kenya), Jan Hadlaw (Canada), Leticia Galuzzi (Brazil), Min Fanxiang (China), Sławomir Łotysz (Poland)

Please direct any queries regarding submission process to the Chair of the ICOHTEC programme committee, Dr. Saara Matala, via email (matala@chalmers.se).

More information

For practical information regarding the ICHST conference, follow updates at the conference website: <https://www.ichst2025.org/>

2.3 CFP reminder: Tensions of Europe, 19-21 September 2024

DL for proposals: 30 November 2023

Confirmations: 1 March .2024

Time and Place: European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/Oder, Germany

Conference theme: Transformations. Fundamental Change and Technology

More information: <https://www.zip.europa-uni.de/toe24>



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The 11th Tensions of Europe Conference will be organized by the [Center for Interdisciplinary Polish Studies](#) and the [European New School of Digital Studies](#). Both are part of the European University

Viadrina, which is located in Frankfurt/Oder – a town and region marked by fundamental political, economic and social changes in previous decades and centuries.

The organisers invite applicants to submit proposals by the end of November 2023 to toe24@europa.uni.de. We will inform applicants by 1 March 2024 whether their contribution has been accepted.

3 Journals and recent publications

3.1 CFP – ICON

In 1993, International Committee for the History of Technology (ICOHTEC) decided to publish a journal which would help to promote the study of the history of technology on the broadest possible basis. Volume 1 of ICON was published in 1995. Initially, it was an annual publication but has grown into a biannual one.

ICON publishes articles on all aspects of the history of technology, which underlies so much of human life. ICON is particularly interested in international technological relations, so as to encourage cooperation between scholars across national or political boundaries.

ICON accepts submissions continuously. There are no deadlines. A different procedure may be applied in the case of special issues. Articles in ICON are peer reviewed, book reviews and essays are commissioned.

Submissions for consideration for publication and other queries should be sent to editor@icohtec.org or uploaded to the manuscript manager which can be accessed through the website www.icohtec.org. Detailed notes for contributors are available at <http://www.icohtec.org/icon/guidelines-for-contributors/>

3.2 CFP – Quarterly Journal of the History of Science and Technology

The ‘Quarterly Journal of the History of Science and Technology’ – an open-access, peer-reviewed, and Scopus-indexed scholarly journal published by the Institute for the History of Science of the Polish Academy of Sciences – cordially invites researchers to submit articles. The thematic scope of the Journal encompasses broadly-understood history of exact and natural sciences, including – but not limited to:

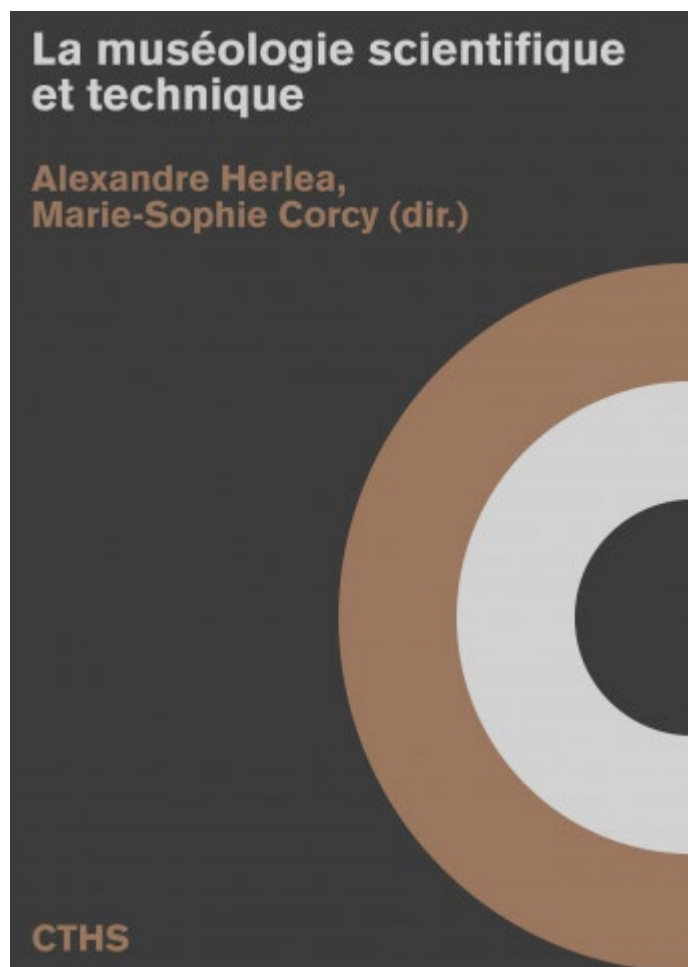
- History of astronomy,
- History of biology and environmental studies,
- History of chemistry,
- History of mathematics,
- History of pharmacy,
- History of physics.

The Journal publishes research articles (both case studies and synthetic discussions) and critical editions of sources. The editors also welcome the proposals for thematic and special issues.

The call for papers remains open indefinitely. The Journal accepts and proceeds submissions continuously. All the articles are published free of charge.

For more information about the Journal, including guidelines for authors, please visit [the Journal's website](#).

3.3 Open access publication on museums of science and technology



Alexandre Herlea et Marie-Sophie Corcy (Eds): La muséologie scientifique et technique. Éditions du Comité des travaux historiques et scientifiques, cths. Actes des congrès nationaux des sociétés historiques et scientifiques. Paris 2023, DOI: [10.4000/books.cths.18056](https://doi.org/10.4000/books.cths.18056) (open access).

Alexandre Herlea, past-president of ICOHTEC, and Marie-Sophie Corcy edited an interesting sampler on museology and culture of museums of science, technology, and industry in a transnational perspective: contributors analyse the development of museology and museums in France and the United States, in Finland, Germany and Romania.

One focus is on museums of science and technology, another on museums and collections of transportation, and a last one on industrial museums and their future. Among the authors are many ICOHTECians as Gérard Emptoz, Alexandre Herlea, Timo Myllyntaus, Marie-Noëlle Polino, Stefan Poser, and Magda Stavinschi. The book originates in a session of 145th Congrès national des sociétés historiques et scientifiques, entitled “Collecter, collectionner, conserver”.

4 Scholarships

4.1 Fellowship and visiting scholar support from the IEEE history center, 2024-2025

The IEEE History Center offers two programs of support annually for scholars pursuing the history of electrical engineering and computing and related fields: A dissertation fellowship for an advanced graduate student or recent Ph.D; and a visiting scholarship an advanced undergraduate, graduate student, or recent Ph.D. The scholarship requires residence at the IEEE History Center, in Piscataway, New Jersey, USA; there is no residency requirement for the dissertation fellowship.

The IEEE Life Member Fellowship in the History of Electrical and Computing Technology for academic year 2024-2025

The IEEE Life Members Fellowship in the History of Electrical and Computing Technology supports either one year of full-time graduate work in the history of electrical science and technology at a college or university of recognized standing, or up to one year of post-doctoral research for a scholar in this field who has received his or her Ph.D. within the past three years. The stipend is \$25,000 with a research budget of up to \$3,000.

Candidates with undergraduate degrees in engineering, the sciences, or the humanities are eligible for the fellowship. For pre-doctoral applicants, however, the award is conditional upon acceptance of the candidate into an appropriate graduate program in history at a school of recognized standing. In addition, pre-doctoral recipients may not hold or subsequently receive other fellowships, but they may earn up to \$5,000 for work that is directly related to their graduate studies. Pre-doctoral fellows must pursue full-time graduate work and evidence of satisfactory academic performance is required. These restrictions do not apply to post-doctoral applicants.

The Fellow is selected on the basis of the candidate's potential for pursuing research in, and contributing to, electrical history. Full information on the fellowship, including details on the research budget, and an application form are available on-line at http://www.ieee.org/about/history_center/fellowship.html. The deadline for completed applications is 1 February 2024. This completed application packet should be emailed to ieee-history@ieee.org or mailed to the Chair, IEEE Fellowship in the History of Electrical and Computing Technology Committee, IEEE History Center, 445 Hoes Lane, Piscataway NJ 08854. Applicants will be notified of the results by 1 June 2024.

IEEE, the world's largest technical professional organization dedicated to advancing technology for the benefit of humanity is an AA/EO employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply for all positions and programs of support. The mission of the IEEE's History Center is to preserve, research, and promote the legacy of electrical engineering and computing. The IEEE Fellowship in Electrical Engineering History is administered by the IEEE History Committee and supported by the IEEE Life Members Committee.

Elizabeth & Emerson Pugh Young Scholar in Residence for 2024

Scholars near the beginning of their career studying the history of electrical technology and computing are invited to contact the Center to be considered for the Elizabeth & Emerson Pugh Young Scholar in Residence at the Center's offices at the IEEE Operations Center, Piscataway, New Jersey, USA.

The residency seeks to provide research experience for graduate students in the history of electrical and computer technologies, while enlisting the help of promising young scholars for the Center's projects. The Young Scholar generally works full-time for two months at the History Center on a Center project that is connected to his or her own area of interest. This time is usually during the summer, but other arrangements will be considered. Interns are also encouraged to consult with the Center's staff and its associates, and guided to research resources in the area. The residency is designed for those near the beginning or middle of their graduate careers, but advanced undergraduates, advanced graduates, and, on rare occasions, recent Ph.D.s will also be considered. Special consideration is often given to scholars from outside the United States who might not otherwise have an opportunity to visit historical resources in the United States. The stipend is US\$5,000.

There is no formal application form. To apply, please mail curriculum vitae showing your studies in electrical history, a three- to five-page page (single or double spaced) writing sample, along with a cover letter describing the sort of project you would be interested in doing (see contact information below). The deadline for contacting the IEEE History Center is 1 March 2024.

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Form for annual membership renewals / registration of new members



Annual membership includes subscription to ICOHTEC's refereed annual journal ICON, access to all back issues of ICON in electronic form via the ICOHTEC website, a monthly Newsletter, and special registration rates at the annual ICOHTEC symposium.

I wish to ☐ renew my membership/☐ to become a new member in ICOHTEC. (Tick below the appropriate description/rate):

- ☐ *An individual. Rate: (40€ or 40 \$ or equivalent) per year*
- ☐ *A student. Rate: (40 € or 40 \$ or equivalent for two years)*
- ☐ *An institution. Rate: (75 € or 100 \$ or equivalent) per year*
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Stefan Poser, Karlsruher Institut für Technologie (KIT), Department für Geschichte, Neuer Zirkel 3, D-76131 Karlsruhe, GERMANY

After filling the form, please send by email to Viktor Pál, ICOHTEC Treasurer at [viktor.paal\(at\)gmail.com](mailto:viktor.paal(at)gmail.com) and to Stefan Poser, President of ICOHTEC at [stefan.poser\(at\)kit.edu](mailto:stefan.poser(at)kit.edu)